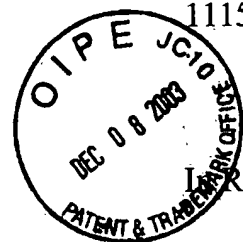


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## AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, please amend the above-  
application as follows: